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For: METAL BELT, FIXING BELT AND	:	
HEAT FIXING DEVICE	:	August 28, 2007

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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REMARKS

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application:

U.S. Patent Appln. No. 11/687,963; filed March 19, 2007.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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